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Gala Junior Weekend Scheduled On May 5-7

Memorial Field House To Be Opened; New Sports, Social Events Announced

Junior Week-end, Middlebury's biggest spring event, will be given by the Class of 9 this year May 5, 6, and 7. This week-end will also mark the opening of the new Memorial Field House for social functions.

Junior co-chairmen, John P. O'Connor and Priscilla A. Wood, this week released e schedule for the week-end, which includes several additions to the traditional whirl f social and sports events. A fraternity singing contest, the establishment of a ditional award to commemorate the Frosh-Soph Tug-of-War, and an athletic ut between the junior men and women e some of the new features of this year's ek-end.

Officially opening the three-day spring rnival is the Rally at McCullough Gym Thursday evening, May 4. The Rally, ich will preview some highlights of the ariety Show, will also officially introduce candidates for Queen of Junior Week-d.

This year Middlebury's eight fraternities d the Neutral men will each sponsor a tential queen, chosen from the Junior ass. The nine co-eds will be considered a select board of connoisseurs on the sis of poise, personality and pulchritude.

On Friday afternoon, May 5, St. ichael's baseball team will be on hand battle with the Middlebury nine on e Porter diamond.

The gymnasium area of the Memorial eld House will open its massive doors the first time for the headline event the week-end, the Junior Prom. Presi- nt Stratton will make an informal pres- tation of the new gymnasium. The rmal ball will also climax the beauty ntest with the final selection and crown- g of Middlebury's Spring Queen.

An additional highlight of the Prom ll be the musical innovation to this ar's Junior Week-end, the fraternity nging contest. The song competition will ature double quartet performances from ch fraternity.

The annual tug-of-war between the shmen and sophomore men will take ce over Porter Puddle on Saturday ternoon, May 6. This year, the ancient d bout will be given the dignity of an cial tradition with the presentation of unique cup to the winning class. The me afternoon the junior men will tussle th the junior women in an as yet un- med encounter.

Saturday evening, the Midd-time Var- ies of 1949 will present its third annual ow in the High School gymnasium to e music of Middlebury's own Panthers.

Junior Week-end will formally close at

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Brown, Chalmers, Peterson To Talk At '49 Conference

Houston Peterson, noted author, lecturer, and professor at Rutgers University; Theodore E. Brown, director of research for the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; and John Chalmers, former student and professor of economics at Middlebury, have been added to the list of speakers for the 1949 Conference, April 23, 24.

Houston Peterson has been selected as moderator for the Conference panels. After a number of years spent in lecturing all over the country, as well as teaching as a full professor of philosophy at Rutgers, Mr. Peterson was chosen in 1938 to head the famous Cooper Union Forum in New York City. For eight years he planned and presided over more than five hundred meetings, receiving acclaim both for the originality of his programs and the skill with which he handled a large and vocal audience. As he says, "If I did that on the Bowery without catastrophe, I ought to be able to do it in Vermont!" Mr. Peterson received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy at Columbia. He is the author of several books, among them "Huxley: Prophet of Science," "The Melody of Chaos," and "Great Teachers," a series of portraits by their former students.

Theodore E. Brown is an official in the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, holding currently the positions of research director, economist, and managing editor of the union's official organ, *The Black Worker*. Graduating from Northwestern University, and spending four years in the graduate schools of Chicago and Wisconsin Universities, and Harvard, where he was a fellow in trade union economics, he holds three degrees.

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Senior Week Chairmen

Helen E. Kline, James R. Nugent, and Robert J. Simpson, Jr., who were chosen to head Senior Week activities.

Fraternity-Sorority Averages Spring Term

FRATERNITIES

Pos.	Fraternity	Aver.
1st.	Chi Psi	79.33
2nd	Alpha Sigma Psi	78.66
3rd	Neutral Men	77.54
4th	Delta Upsilon	77.48
	Total Men	77.40
	Total Fraternities	77.36
5th	Kappa Delta Rho	77.31
6th	Sigma Phi Epsilon	77.03
7th	Theta Chi	76.46
8th	Alpha Tau Omega	75.90
9th	Delta Kappa Epsilon	75.85

SORORITIES

1st.	Delta Delta Delta	83.07
2nd	Alpha Xi Delta	82.26
3rd	Pi Beta Phi	81.76
4th	Kappa Kappa Gamma	81.56
	Total Sororities	81.43
	Total Women's College	81.41
5th	Neutral Women	81.38
6th	Sigma Kappa	80.98
7th	Phi Mu	81.12
8th	Kappa Delta	79.66
9th	Men and Women	79.04

PREXY TO ATTEND MIT INAUGURATION

President Samuel S. Stratton will attend the inauguration of James Rhyne Killian Jr., as the tenth president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology April 2 in Cambridge, Mass.

He will also attend a dinner in honor of President Truman and Winston Churchill, who will speak and also be awarded honorary degrees by M.I.T. that week-end on Friday evening, April 1, in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler in Boston. Dinner guests will include the members of the Institute's faculty delegates to the inauguration and convocation speakers.

Dr. Killiam was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from Middlebury in 1945.

Chairmen Elected For Senior Week

James R. Nugent, Robert J. Simpson and Helen E. Kline were recently elected as co-chairmen of Senior Week by the class of '49.

Mr. Nugent, whose home is in Gloucester, Mass., is a member of Blue Key and last year was a co-chairman for Junior Week of the class of '49. Mr. Simpson comes from Lewiston, Me., and is a member of Blue Key and Waubanakee. He is the former editor of the CAMPUS. Miss Kline is a native of Scarsdale, N. Y., has been active in W. A. A. sports, and a candidate for both Junior Week Queen and Winter Carnival Queen.

Plans for this year's Senior Week have not yet been disclosed, but sign-up sheets for work on various committees will be distributed to the members of the senior class on Friday in chapel. It is hoped that there will ba an enthusiastic response to the appeal, as large committees will be needed to carry out plans in the short time after spring vacation.

Some time in the beginning of May, elections will be held for Junior Marshals and class meetings will be called to vote on graduation procedure.

Assembly Investigates Bookstore Operations

French Reveals Discounts On Purchases; Books Resold To Students At List Prices

Facts about the Book Store have been disclosed as the result of an interview between Mr. Irwin K. French, college business manager, and Albert G. Craz '50, head of a committee of the Men's Assembly formed to investigate prices there.

The College Book Store purchases books from publishers at discounts ranging generally from 10 to 20 percent to which is added the cost of transportation. In the sale of these books to the students, they are marked up to the list price, the difference between the purchase price and the list price being the margin out of which operating expenses are paid.

In regard to the sale of pocket editions of novels, it was explained that at the present time there is a tie-in arrangement whereby the Book Store would have to buy a whole line of pocket books including the type of fiction stories on sale in the local drug stores. The books that the students mainly desire, and therefore would be buying, are the classics for their college courses. The take-in from the rest of the books would be so small that the Book Store would not be justified in putting in a line of these books under this arrangement.

Candy will be stocked in the near future in the Book Store. At the present time, there are no plans for the installation of candy dispensing machines, and therefore, the candy will be sold over the counter. Chewing gum will also be available.

In answer to complaints that the Book Store was not opened at the hours advertised, Mr. French reported that this matter was being taken up with the Book Store manager.

At this same interview, questions having to do with the Snack Bar were also cleared up. A juke box will not be installed. While it would be a profit-making proposition in itself it is anticipated that much of the crowd which would "habituate" the Snack Bar would not be buyers, but merely listeners who would only add to the crowded conditions, about which complaints have already been voiced. Mr. French pointed out that there is music upstairs for those who want it.

There has been much complaint over the ten-cent cup of coffee. It was stated that, all costs figured, it takes 7.2 cents to produce and serve a cup of coffee.

In reference to the Snack Bar, it was reported in last week's *Campus* that Robert A. Summers, food service director, controlled the policies of the Student Union Building, Mr. Summers as director

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Straney, Trask, Powell Selected Dramatic Heads

James C. Straney '51 was elected president; William F. Trask '51, vice-president; and Priscilla V. Powell '50, secretary-treasurer of the Wig and Pen society at a meeting held Tuesday, March 15. Other appointments were Elinore S. Brown '50 as point chairman and Louise G. Laverie '50, historian. The society's new social chairman are Renton Bond '51 and Emily V. McLaughlin '50.

Seen most recently in the title role of the Carnival production, "John Loves Mary," Wig and Pen's new president was also on stage for "State of the Union," "Charlie's Aunt," and "Drunk on a Ferris Wheel."

Mr. Trask will be remembered for his work in "Gammer Gurton's Needle," "The Last Refuge," "The State of the Union," "The Green Room," and service on both ticket and publicity committees.

Miss Powell has worked on tickets and publicity this season, and was chairman of properties last year.

Miss Brown headed the make-up committee and has worked on props and prompting as well.

Miss Laverie was seen in "State of the Union," "Sparkin'" and "John Loves Mary." She has twice served on property committees, and will advise for the production of a one-act play, written by herself and scheduled to be presented soon.

Mr. Bond was cast in "Outward Bound," acted as production manager for a program of one-act play this fall, and has served on several construction crews.

Miss McLaughlin has played parts in "Pygmalion," "George Washington Slept

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Dance Club Dramatizes News Stories; Presents Solos, Exhibition of Methods

The Middlebury Modern Dance Club presented its spring recital tonight and will repeat the performance tomorrow night at 8.15 in the Playhouse. The main part of the recital consists of a dance interpretation of a daily newspaper, participated in by the whole club.

Based on a headline in the paper, "Prisoner Escapes," four policemen are shown pursuing a confused and fearful convict. "Foreign Affairs" relates the murder of an American statesman by a Mexican and his female accomplice.

"Easter Bonnet" is from the fashion page, and portrays a woman, who, having trouble in choosing a hat, is finally satisfied with her daughter's hair ribbon. "Around Town" shows the places visited on an evening's date, including ballroom dancing, a chorus line, and a blues number. In the "Society Column" a cocktail party is shown, with the usual chatter, smoking, and over-indulgence in liquor.

Preceding the "Daily Paper," Claire R. Dufault '50 and Lesley T. Cunniff '49 are narrators while other club members demonstrate various dance techniques to illustrate modern dance as the art of expressing feeling through motion.

Following the main work in the program, there are a suite of four dances: "Bourrie," Joan M. Kent '50; "Pavanne," Janet E. McIntosh '50; "Gaillard," Priscilla R. Noyes '49 and Elizabeth A. Scott '51; and "Minuet," Lesley Cunniff, Joan Kent and Janet McIntosh. Unusual lighting and colorful costumes add much to the artistry of these dances.

"The Pasture," a short poem by Robert Frost, is recited and interpreted in dance form by Janet McIntosh. After a number by Lesley Cunniff entitled "College Girl at 4.30," the recital ends with an interpretation of the second movement of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, which shows the several theme variations in dance.

All the choreography and costuming for the recital was done by the members of the club, with Mrs. Mary M. Lee as advisor. Other members taking part are: Mary E. Hosford '49, Jean E. Scroggie '49, Mary M. Gordon '50, Martha K. Peck '52, Alice L. Thor '52 and Shirley Dunning.

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The Interfraternity Council is once more considering modification of the rushing system in use at Middlebury. This is being done because of the number of complaints that have been received concerning the length and strain of the rushing period. At present three proposals have been suggested to the Council. They are: 1. Retention of the present system in toto. 2. Having eight men a night for dinner instead of four. 3. Having four men for lunch and four men for dinner.

We are all familiar with the present system and most of the objections to it. Therefore, let us briefly examine the other two ideas. Both involve cutting the rushing period in half. One, however, would do it by having the freshmen eating lunch and dinner at the fraternity houses. It should at once be apparent that this would not be too satisfactory. Lunches are notoriously gulped down and most men are anxious to get off to any afternoon classes, labs, etc., that they have. Consequently, they would not have adequate time to get to know the greshmen and *vice versa*.

Let us now look into the proposal to double up at dinner time. This does not involve any extra meals at Gifford; merely the same amount of meals but in a shorter period. It will intensify the activity during the dinners but on the other hand interest can be sustained more easily for four or five weeks than it can for nine or ten. Also the fraternities are of a size even the smallest—where they can still easily have enough men on hand to greet the freshmen and show them around the house. Further, it is possible for the men who have gone up to Gifford to eat to return to their houses in ample time to participate in the evening's rushing. Therefore, this proposal is very feasible. Also it tends to overcome some of the main objections to the present system.

There are still other benefits that can be gained by the adoption of this last program. By having the length of the dinner system, a one or two week period could be allowed at the beginning of the fall whereby the freshmen could become oriented in their new surroundings. Preferably talk about fraternities would be outlawed during this period so that the freshmen would not be immediately subjected to all kinds of pressure. This time would also allow the fraternities to get their houses in condition and for the fraternity men themselves to get back into the swing of college before they have to start rushing activities.

Still another modification that could be adopted with a halving of the dinner program would be a week of semi-open rushing at the conclusion of the dinners. This would allow the fraternities to have freshmen in whom they are interested down to the houses a second time before the final lists and bids are made out. This means that the freshmen and fraternity men could find a time during this period when it is convenient for both to sit down and have a heart to heart talk on the interests that concerned them. However, by a semi-open period we don't mean to suggest big beer busts, keeping freshmen hidden away during the period, or the many other stunts that fraternity have pulled in the past during rushing. What we mean is a period of three or four days when the fraternities could invite freshmen to the house during the day to talk. The eight o'clock rule would still prevail and any social functions or other such "entertainment" would be strictly prohibited and violations subject to the forfeiture of the three hundred dollar bond.

Last year the Council attempted to revise the rushing program but became bogged down when it became a matter of retaining the present system or adopting spring rushing. This was done in spite of the many complaints that have been registered about the present system. The Council is once more attempting to tackle the problem. If the fraternities really desire modification of the system, this is their opportunity.

R. H. S.

p. s. . . .

Maybe it's a good thing vacation is coming—everyone seems to be cracking up. When one common cur can amuse supposedly intelligent people simply by walking around chapel, it must be the result of over-burdened or under-developed mentalities. The morning devotional service, originally planned as a half hour of prayer and meditation, has, by now, more similarity to a Saturday kiddies' matinee. The only thing lacking, and some enterprising entrepeneur should take note, is a pop corn concession in the lobby. Way back when the class of '49 were freshmen, daily chapel was daily. Though there were ten cuts per semester, this was the era before the administration realized the potentialities of the mimeograph machine, and most students went to chapel to keep up with current events as released by the men's undergraduate president. Back in these good old days the simple rules of courtesy had not yet become passé and the dash men confined their activities to the board track. Perhaps politeness, like religion, is out of vogue now since it's evident that neither the prelude, nor the speaker, nor the prayer, nor the choir can keep students from their newspapers, knitting, hymn pools, animal antics, conversations, mail, text books, and hissing. Maybe pop corn wouldn't be a bad idea. Though *Life* seems to have passed us by, we're happy in our own little, obscure way for the tabloids have likewise ignored us. Perhaps the only thing which Doctor Stratton, in his chapel comment about the Dartmouth and Brown incidents, left unsaid was "Don't be too smug. Don't think it can't happen here!" Should a similar situation arise, the local inebriates and the fraternity system would need more than the "strength of the hills" to carry them through. . . . Overheard in Passing: If you can't prove it, put it in p. s. . . .

Agents To Conduct Senior Interviews

Representatives of two insurance companies and the W. T. Grant Company will soon visit the campus to interview senior men for employment after graduation.

Mr. Voorhees, manager of the Springfield office of the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company will be at Middlebury Tuesday, March 29. The company hopes to employ a few men from the June graduating class as salaried field representatives and surety representatives. Training for these positions is done at one of the company's numerous branches, and includes nine or ten weeks in a sales school at Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. G. H. Stevens, personnel manager of the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company from Boston will visit the college on April 14. Applicants who are selected will be trained within the organization, and will receive further training in the Boston Office. Eventual employment location would probably be in the Boston office or in some other office within the New England Department.

Mr. A. H. Barron, executive placement manager of the New York office and Mr. J. H. Hawes of the Boston regional office of the W, T. Grant Company will be on campus April 15 to make selections of June graduates for their store management program. Booklets explaining the employment policies of the Company are now available in the Placement Office.

Appointments for interviews for all three will be scheduled at the Placement Office.

REV. JAMES McLEOD TO SPEAK SUNDAY

The Rev. James C. McLeod, chaplain of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., will speak at junior-senior vesper service Sunday, March 27.

Doctor McLeod was formerly chaplain of Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., director of the Westminster Foundation and minister to students at Ohio State University, and a chaplain in the Marine Corps. He was graduated from Middlebury College, received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Yale Divinity School, and was granted the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at Alfred University.

While at Middlebury, Doctor McLeod

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Opinions of the Week

QUESTION: Do you have any suggestions for improving chapel services?

Albert G. Craz '50
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

It's probably pure blasphemy to be serious in this column but to me, chapel is a serious topic worthy of every students' consideration. Improvement of daily chapel lies entirely with the student body. A painstaking poll of opinion was conducted last year and to date no action has resulted. Recently chapel has been on the uptrend. The chapel committee has been doing an admirable, thankless job. Your assemblies are at your service. The chaplain, I'm sure, is receptive to any constructive criticism.

Samuel A. Gable '52
Wethersfield, Conn.

"What suggestions do you have for improving Chapel?" An interesting sidelight to our usual morning break—the freshman silver football presentation with Duke Nelson's comment, "Last time I was here was '46." Dave Smith gives us something to look forward to. An occasional sidelight is not enough. Why not make it the rule, rather than the exception?

Virginia Duffy '49
West Hartford, Conn.

Chapel bells clang
Their insistent harangue,
"Co' boss, co' boss, thou herd on the hill.
Empty stalls are here to fill."

From a narrow loft
Come devotion and thought;
But the herd which ambled in to be fed
Leave with bitterness instead.

Flagging of spirits dismay
And the mental march away.
But come—join now a hymn for this morning
Lest the Office of the Dean send a chapel warning.

N. Sue McKeehan '52
New York, N. Y.

Sad but true, chapel to most of us means no more than a few moments in midmorning to catnap, prime for tha Pre-A, or knit. (The men have not ye resorted to the latter.) Frequently w close our auditory receptors when speaker mumbles, hurries through hi message, or just doesn't have that certai something. Although varying chapel pro grams by having guest speakers, musi and student talks adds interest, the cryin need is for inspired services. Let's hav some gems of thought put across with verbal punch!

Charles Ford '51
Vienna, Va.

After extensive mathematical analyses I have found that the average Midd stu dents spends over 240 hours in chapel dur ing his four years on the hill. To reduc the suffering during this ordeal, I have few suggestions: (1) Cushions are necessity for those of the Order of th Flat Bottom, (2) The *Times* or *Trib* fo the intellects (The *News* for the rest o us), (3) Ear plugs for pre Pre-A cram ming, and (4) An administration operate roullette wheel for hymn selection.

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Letters To Editor

To the Editor:

Relative to the first paragraph of the proposed amendent of the Men's Undergraduate Association Constitution which changes the election procedure for class officers, we should like to call attention to the following phrase: "Additional nominations may be made by petition containing the signatures of twenty members of the nominee's class with not more than one-half of these names being from the candidate's own fraternity."

In order to prevent any possible "log-rolling," we feel that the words "not more than one-half of these names being from the candidate's own fraternity" should be deleted and the words "not more than *one quarter* of these names being from *any one* fraternity" should be substituted. Otherwise, this amendment might result in merely legalizing what is now done by informal agreement. In other words, under this proposed amendment, two fraternities could each nominate a man from the other house and each provide most of the names for each petition. By nominating men in different classes, it would be possible for them to combine and carry the elections for at least one office in two different classes.

To accomplish this under the wording we propose, at least four houses would have to combine, putting up four candidates in four classes. This would be infeasible both because the freshman class elects before fraternity pledging takes place, and because of the "split ticket" that would result. Thus we feel that the wording we propose would virtually eliminate "fraternity politics" and interfraternity "log-rolling" in class elections.

Respectfully,
Donald E. Fowler '49
Edwin M. Kania '49
Philip G. Hull '49
Donald H. Burn '50

EDITOR'S NOTE: Middlebury's budding lawyers and future politicians have indeed found a possible loophole, and men's assembly should look into the suggestion made.

News in Paragraphs

Two members of the Middlebur Bridge Team, Harvey T. Martin, Jr., '5 and Robert S. Martin '50, placed tenth i the New England region of the Nationa Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament. The were competing against 110 other couple representing 28 colleges in this zone.

The Rutland Railroad will run a specia train with through coaches for New Yor and Boston, leaving Middlebury at 12.1 p.m., Saturday, April 2.

Spring was heralded in by a larg group of newly-pinned and engage couples. The pinnings include: Patrici A. Cloutier '50 to Ralph R. Eddy '5 Tatiana Yirrick '50 to John M. Roddy '5 E. Jo Overlock '51 to Philip W. Hof mire '49, Gail L. Haskins '51 to Home B. Ellis '50, and Jane A. Walker '51 t Wallace Nutting '50, U. S. Militar Academy.

The following engagements were re cently announced: to Frances Farwell '4 Roger F. Casavant '49, Virginia H. Dun '49 to Roger L. Beach '50, and Elaine Jennings '49 to John W. Clarkson '49.

The Parker-Merrill Speech Prize Con test will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 8.00 p.m. in the North Lounge. Dea W. Storrs Lee and Professors Wald Heinrichs and Leonard Hoag will judg the speeches on the subject "Is Worl Government the Answer?" Junior an senior men and women are eligible f the Parker contest, prizes for which ar $25.00, $15.00 and $10.00. Sophomor men and women may enter the Merri contest with $30.00, $20.00, $15.00 an $10.00 prizes offered. The talks are t be from ten to twelve minutes in length and copies must be given to Lewis W Miller, assistant professor of speech an drama, by Monday, March 28.

The annual alumni dinner for th Springfield, Mass. area will be held Blakes' Restaurant, Springfield, on Fri day evening, March 25. John G. Hard '24 is in charge of arrangements for th dinner, and Barbara A. Wells, alumn secretary, will address the group. Seventy five are expected to attend.

Alumni of the Boston area will din at the Commander Hotel, Cambridge, the evening of Saturday, March 2 Walter E. Brooker is dinner chairma for this area. An attendance of more tha 200 is anticipated.

Pres. Samuel S. Stratton will addre both groups on the "State of the College and new color movies showing colle scenes and activities will be shown Edgar J. Wiley, director of placeme and alumni relations. The Paramou sound film, "Sno' Time for Learning will also be shown.

Alumni-ae dinners scheduled for th near future are Albany, April 4; Uti April 5; Philadelphia, April 7; an Plattsburg, April 18.

THE MIDD-WAY

"El Capitan Che Che"

The literal translation of Che Che in Spanish is "Tiny," and no matter how you slice it five feet six inches is tiny. However, when you squeeze 155 pounds of muscle into a five feet six inch frame you lose the significance of the word and you may as well call it "magnifico."

If you have attended Midd any time between the years of our Lord 1946-49, summer or winter sessions, and you haven't seen the tousleheaded, bellicose atom flitting around like an unharnessed x-99, then you have missed a landmark almost as provincial as the Pine Room. In the spring of '46 the Kid from Barre hit the masculine depraved campus in the first wave of the returning heroes. From here on the story reads like a spare chapter from Richard Halliburton.

Shortly after Adam and Eve were out stealing second, a boatload of migrating Spaniards landed on the shores of Barre, a peaceful granite town on the other side of the mountains. A half hour later Che Che homered with the bases loaded to make the all-Barre team in the evening editions. All of which means that Mr. and Mrs. Barquin came to America from Spain and had a young son Casimiro who was born with a bat and ball in his hand and ever since that time has been about his business.

Calling Mr. Keane

As is the case with Satchel Paige, no one seems to remember just when Che Che was born. This fact just seems to add lustre to some of his unfathomable feats on the field of not so friendly strife. Like most aspiring youngsters the diminutive demon struggled through that necessary period of life called high school. He also found time for a year at Tilton Academy and then headed west to the lure of sunny California. As was the mode of the day on the Coast, Che Che volunteered his services when he heard the bugles of freedom blow. After a short span of sea duty he called a halt to riding the bounding main and handily switched to pre-flight school where he found a "new life." Here he played through twelve weeks of pre-flight training receiving "superior" marks in baseball, which somehow or other took up all of his time. All play and no work makes Uncle Sam lose wars, though, so they sent Ensign Barquin into dirigible service because they figured he was cut out for it. He then floated around for some time taking a Rand-McNally tour of the U. S. and popped in on "Torrid Trinidad" for the winter season. Poor little Che Che never did get a break while he was in the service. All the while he was floating around he took up his outlandish "spare" time by playing—you guessed it—baseball. Most of 1944 was spent in Cuba, but 1945 found our pocket size Ted Williams back in sunny California where he played baseball for a change, this time under the wraps of a pitcher. The itinerary was not quite over; there was one more stop, Dallas, Texas, where he was transferred to heavier than air. This tour of duty carried him up to December, 1945, when he was finally discharged.

Space does not permit the listing of all the service teams that Midd's Mr. Baseball cavorted with or all the big names he rubbed batting averages with, but the Austere Atom relates that he got his biggest thrill playing with the Del Monte Aviators who sported an outfield of Harry Craft, Cincinnati Reds, Jess Hull, Washington Senators, and Che Che Barquin, who had played relatively nowhere.

Shade, Cold Beer, and Baseball

And this is the story behind the Latin from Vermont who has been the sports champion of Midd for the past two years. So in this reluctantly approaching season, where shade, cold beer, and cemetery sojourns take on added seasonal significance and the number one sport becomes baseball, the "Holler Guy" will be floating around center field and getting in the pitcher's hair up there at the plate.

Midd Lacrosse Squad Completes Second Week Of Indoor Workouts

McNamara Reelected Maurer Also Renamed

Panther Center Reelected To Head Hockey Squad; Maurer To Lead Basketball Team Again This Year

Announcement was made early this week by retiring hockey manager, Paul E. Okarski that rubicund and rotund Bill McNamara has been re-elected to lead the '49-'50 version of the Panther hockey team. A similar announcement was made at the same time by basketball manager, Don Zaumseil, that Walt Maurer had also been re-elected to the post of basketball captain. Paul Farrell was elected as hockey manager for next season and Sam Masters will fill the basketball managerial spot. All of these elections are subject to the approval of the Athletic Council but it seems likely that they will be immediately approved.

Captain McNamara has played hockey for three straight years in the livery of the Blue and White and has been in the thick of things each season. In his freshman year he led the club in scoring and in the past two seasons has played second fiddle to Paul Thompson in the scoring department but always manages to lead in the all-important assists column. In the past season, his five goals and twelve assists gave him a 17-point total which was good enough for a second place in total points. Billy as an iceman, seems destined to become as famous as Eugene O'Neil.

In order to achieve a modicum of success next year against the loaded and overloaded schedule the Panthers must have a leader with certain specifications, inspirational and otherwise. Bill may not lead the club through the jungle straight to Doctor Livingston but he'll do a commendable job and if Bullet Bill maintains his equilibrium the Panthers can get off to a flying start in their new Ice Palace next year.

Urban-like Walt

In Walt Maurer Coach Ciccolella has a dependable steady ball player who is never appreciated for his worth until he is missing from the line-up. Urban-like Walt is a natural floorman on the court and is one of those rare conscientious basketball fellows who excels on defense as well as on the "point" side of the ledger. It was more than mere coincidence that while Walt was shelved with various and sundry ailments the team went into a complete tailspin. Shortly after his return, and the reappearance of Coach Ciccolella on the scene, things picked up

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By Popular Acclaim

Bill McNamara

Henderson Takes Giant Slalom Race

Middlebury's ski captain, Don Henderson, won the U. S. Eastern Giant Slalom championship at Franconia, N. H., Sunday by skillfully navigating for 1.4 miles through a labyrinth of 59 gates in 2:10.1 minutes.

Henderson, who the *New York Times* called "the wise old man of intercollegiate skiing" bested 42 top flighters including the two Dartmouth aces, Colin Stewart and Tor Arneburg, who finished third and fith respectively. By winning, the Panther great earned himself the Frank Edison Memorial Trophy which is a silver bowl large enough to intoxicate the whole student body with one filling.

Simultaneously with Henderson's achievement, Joan Macklaier of this campus was being awarded a smaller trophy for winning the class C championship in a shorter Giant Slalom at North Conway N. H. A little later in the day on the same slope versatile Jim Newman who spent most of last week warming up his pitching arm in the new fieldhouse, gained a fourth in the men's class C event.

Jack Valentine and Paul Kailey also made the trip with Henderson, but not with comparative success. Valentine ran into trouble, aggravated a barely healed ankle and could not finish. Kailey took a 14th.

The event was marked by mishap and heartbreak. Dartmouth's Stewart was distracted by a distracting spectator and missed one of the gates. Teammate Arneburg, who was whistling through the course like an eel under a wharf became overconfident, caught an edge and took an egg beater. (Head over skis over head over skis, etc.)

Miss Macklaier, who along with Betty Sutherland, Jean Smith and Margy Packard, was moved up to Class B last Saturday, showed the justification of such a promotion and win her last race in the lower class despite time lost in a healthy tumble. Miss Packard spent her week-end up in St. Marguerite skiing for Joe Jones and his American women's ski team in a contest with the Canadian representatives. She contributed to the Yankee victory by annexing a 14th place.

Henderson will participate in his last college meet this week-end, weather permitting. He will compete with the rest of the ski team in the previously postponed Harvard Carnival, which may be held at Mad River instead of originally designated Big Bromley Mountain in Manchester.

Cushman Corrals Lacrosse Lovers

THIRTY-FIVE MEN REPORT FOR TEAM

If quantity is any criteria of quality, the Midd lacrosse team, still in the embryonic stages, should present itself as a vastly improved squad over last season's new-born club. Thirty-six candidates, among them several former prep school lettermen, have reported to acting coach, Curtis Cushman.

Although lacrosse is not a recognized sport at Midd it is hoped that the enthusiasm displayed by the group will influence the college trustees to accept the sport into the regular athletic curriculum in another year. At present, equipment and traveling expenses fall completely on the members of the squad.

Already the team has gone one step up the ladder by gaining access to the privileges of the field house. For the past two weeks it has been the scene of much activity as the aspirants endeavor to round into shape for the opening game on April 23. The Union Jayvees play host on that date and the Midd lacrossemen will be out to avenge the setback suffered at the hands of the Schenectady squad last year.

LACROSSE

Union J.V.	April 23 (A)
R.P.I. J.V.	April 30 (H)
New England College	May 9 (H)
R.P.I. J.V.	May 18 (A)
New England College	May 21 (A)

A year ago the team was hampered by the lack of equipment, manpower, and often had no access to a playing field. As a result the won-lost record was far from impressive. However, what was lost was gained back in experience by the men, who on the most part, had never seen a lacrosse stick before. With this foundation and the addition of some fifteen freshmen there is much more material to work with. While no plethora of talent exists at the present, the next few years should see the development of a team worthy of recognition in New England sport circles.

According to Cushman all positions are open and those who desire to get the feel of a lacrosse stick are urged to report to the field house any afternoon. The password is "lacrosse" and if Coach Cushman doesn't see to it that you collect the usual share of bruises and abrasions, you aren't human.

Chi Psi Captures Basketball Crown

Chi Psi captured the 1949 intramural basketball championship March 16 by beating Theta Chi 29-27. Theta Chi jumped into an early 12-3 lead which they held until the waning seconds of the ball game. Chuck Rielle scored the deciding basket on a layup with fifteen seconds remaining, and the Chipsies walked off the floor with the championship and their seventh straight victory. Rielle scored 11 points and combined with Tom Divoll to play an important part in the decisive game.

It was Theta Chi's second heart-breaking loss of the week. Jerry O'Neil sunk a foul shot with seconds remaining to give the Dekes a 25-24 victory over the slipping Redmen. O'Neil was the high scorer with 12 points.

Dave Brown and Duke Mayhew provided a powerful one-two punch to pace the Alpha Slugs to a 49-40 win over DU. Brown netted 20 points and Mayhew 14 as the Slugs won their fourth straight, enabling them to climb to a second place tie with DU and the Neutrals.

SPE turned back the Dekes 41-30 last Saturday for their third win in seven starts. Homer Ellis tallied 12 points for the winners.

ATO pulled another upset Monday by beating the Neutrals 34-32. Tom Gillam paced the winners with 12 points before leaving the game on fouls. "Gaylord" Pihlcrantz hooped 14 points to lead the Neutrals.

A quick look at the Decathlon standings finds Irv Meeker leading the field with 30 points and Dick Boss right on Meeker's achilles tendons with 26 points. Dix

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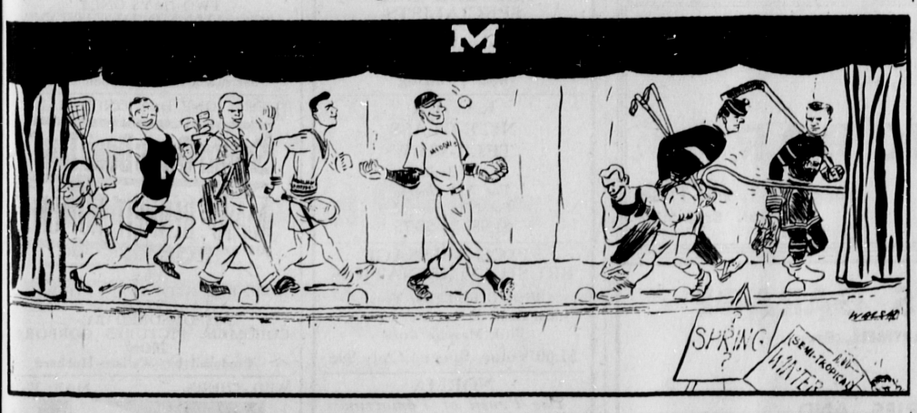
"Ready Or Not . . . "



Spring Sports Suffer Seasonal Setbacks

On Monday morning, March 21, the wonderful season of Spring officially began, but in keeping with the general character of 1948-1949 weather there was no visible change from winter. The tennis courts and parts of the baseball diamond, football field and cemetery are covered with snow. The young men's fancy and that of the women, for that matter, has not turned to thoughts of love but has been forced to dwell on less satisfactory problems such as the unexpected presence of mountain lions, lynxes and a pool table.

The baseball players are theoretically holding practice in the field house right now, but out of respect to the dim lighting and cement floor they have to go about their business cautiously, lest an ill-thrown ball imbed itself in one of their number's heads. The lacrosse players are also limbering up in the mammoth garage and although they are notorious for their utter disregard of environmental handicaps, some have been heard complaining in their sleep about leg muscles which have unraveled under constant pounding about the merciless underfooting.

Zealous trackmen are probably best off. If the possessor of the proper state of mind they can make headway running around the wooden hand-me-down from the stone age which reclines in the rear of McCullough Gymnasium. Tennis players may soon be able to get onto the three asphalt courts in back of Hepburn, but for the present they are perfecting their strokes in front of long mirrors and in the handball courts. The golfers have the most hapless position of all. The Middlebury course will not be available for play until late in the spring and the turf tearers have to gain most of their practice on the lawn in front of Munroe and in the fraternity living rooms.

College Bookstore Prices Investigated

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of food service has direct supervision of the Snack Bar, which is considered part of the food service operation at Middlebury College. Gordon C. Perine '49 is his assistant in operating this activity. The Book Store is under the direct supervision of Hilton P. Bicknell, purchasing agent and assistant business manager, whose duties include that of Book Store manager. The assistant Book Store manager is Mrs. Marion M. Otis, who works under Mr. Bicknell's supervision. Both Mr. Summers and Mr. Bicknell report to the college business manager, Irwin K. French, who works out the general policies of the Book Store and the Snack Bar with their respective managers. Elizabeth W. Baker, social director, has general supervision of the recreation room and second floor offices and lounges.

According to Mr. French's recent article in *College and University Business* published in March, he reported that the first year of operation, a net profit of 6 percent was realized but that it was felt that this return should be more nearly 10 percent. In setting up operating costs, prices will be set as near as possible to return this income.

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Brown, Chalmers, Peterson To Speak

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Since 1938 he has worked for the International Union, and during extended leaves of absence has been closely associated with the establishment of the Fair Employment Practices Committee. From 1941-45 as an examiner-in-charge, he managed the regional office in St. Louis, Mo. Later he helped to organize the National Council for a permanent F. E. P. C., and served on the Committee Against Jim Crow in the Armed Services. Currently he is a proxy member of the administrative committee of Labor's League for Political Education and a member of the National Legislative Council of the A. F. of L., the Labor Advisory Committee to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Office of Statistical Standards and Services of the Bureau of the Budget.

John Chalmers will be familiar to upperclassmen who took his courses in economics here at Midd. Mr. Chalmers graduated from Middlebury in 1937, was captain of the basketball team, star quarterback on the football team for two seasons, a member of Blue Key, and twice winner of the Hazeltine-Klevenov cup for scholarship and athletic ability. Receiving one of four New England Rhodes Scholarships in 1937, he attended Oxford University, England, for one year. The outbreak of war brought him back to Cornell University where from 1939 to 1943 he was an instructor of economics while working for his Ph.D. Following three years of service in the U. S. Naval Reserve, he returned to Middlebury as an assistant professor from February, 1946 to June, 1947. He is currently teaching at Kenyon College in Ohio.

Chipsies Take Cup, Downing Theta Chi

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Hemphill and the DU greyhounds, Stotz and Hollister, are tied for third with 14 points.

Irv Meeker finished first in a field of five finalists for the 880-yard title. Dix Hemphill finished second followed by George Rapp, Dick Boss and Ed Gleason in that order.

ASP meets SPE in the finals of the board track relay by virtue of their triumph over KDR. Sig Ep gained the finals by defeating DKE. In the first runoff of the elimination contest, ASP defeated Theta Chi.

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Phantom Monster Mystifies County; Eludes Pursuers

An atmosphere of mystery has shrouded the vicinity around Middlebury with the finding of traces of a supposedly non-existent panther, mountain lion, Canadian lynx, bobcat, cougar, or just an overgrown kitty-kat. Led by hints and clues found around Cornwall and Salisbury, praiseworthy Middlebury hunters have begun the exciting chase. Among the college woodsmen who have set out to track down the reported animal are Don Burn and his companion Wally "three cushion shot" Hubbard, Fred Kracke, Bob Parker and Barry Walker.

On Friday morning of last week they started out on their hunt. Hot on the trail of five-inch paw tracks that led around and around and finally on the roof of the house of Tom Richards who lives in Salisbury, the hunters veered off into the woods where they found a tree that appeared to have been used by the large cat to exercise its claws. But here the trail stopped. The hunters decided then, since it was late in the afternoon, that they had better give the animal a chance and quit for the day.

Bob Parker who realized the fact that the cat usually travels by night went out to the area where the animal had last been traced and waited for results overnight. Unfortunatety the cat made himself scarce and Bob was unsuccessful in his attempts.

Theories have it that the hunted had made the Ledges, nearby, his temporary hideout. It is known, however, that this type of wild animal sometimes may scout over an area extending as much as thirty miles away from its starting point in one night. This, of course, lessened the chance of his discovery considerably.

The evidence of such a cat in this vicinity is odd because the last one of the kind was caught in 1885. Since then there has not been much evidence to subtantiate the existence of a North American panther, or some other animal similar to this. None of these cats, it is said, would attack a human being unless cornered so that they must fight for survival. They

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Wiley Makes Tour Of Alumni Dinners

Edgar J. Wiley, director of placement and alumni relations, returned to Middlebury last week from a tour that took him from Rochester to Milwaukee, during which he attended five alumni dinners.

Accompanying him at some of the dinners were Pres. Samuel S. Stratton, who addressed the groups on the "State of the College"; Barbara A. Wells, alumnae secretary, who spoke "on the distaff side"; and Mrs. E. J. Wiley, who accompanied group singing on the piano. Mr. Wiley spoke at all five dinners, and showed movies of Middlebury scenes and activities, including the Paramount sound production, "Sno' Time for Learning."

Throughout his tour Mr. Wiley noted that the alumni were enthusiastic about the developments in the new field house. They also commended the publicity department for its fine work in circulating dispatches of college news throughout the country.

A. Roger Clark '29 was dinner chairman of the meeting in Rochester, held at the University Club on March 7. Forty-eight attended the affair, and Mr. Clark was re-elected chairman for the coming year.

Calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
7.00—Christian Association, North Lounge
8.00—Modern Dance Production, Playhouse

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
8.00-12.00—Chi Psi party
8.00-10.30—Alpha Tau Omega hayride

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
8.30—Dean's List Breakfast, Forest Rec.

MONDAY, MARCH 28
4.30—German club, North Lounge

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
7.00—Newman club, North Lounge
7.00—Lecture by Dorothy Higgins, Pearsons living room
8.00—One-act plays, Playhouse

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
8.00—Cambridge Debate, Mead Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
7.30—Spanish Club, Forest Rec.
8.00—Parker-Merrill Speech Contest, North Lounge

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A pool table for use in the recreation room of the Student Union building is the latest gift of George H. V. Allen of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Allen who is Secretary and Treasurer of the College Corporation, has been most generous in his gifts to Middlebury during the past ten years. It was Mr. Allen and the Honorable Redfield Proctor also a member of the Board of Trustees who gave the Old Chapel Room to Middlebury last year.

The Student Union recreation room has been enlarged to accommodate the new pool table and another ping-pong court which is being set up.

Wig And Pen

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Here," "The Philadelphia Story," "Charlie's Aunt," and "Outward Bound," and has also headed the make-up department in her sophomore year.

Following the reorganization of the Players last May, the Wig and Pen society, formerly the Players' honorary dramatic organization, was revived. The purpose of this move was to arouse more interest in Playhouse dramatics and to provide a systematic structure and more co-ordination among tryouts and the senior group.

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Basketball, Hockey Captains Reelected

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and the team saved the season with their amazing week-end. It will be remembered that they trounced Mass. U. and Union on successive nights late in February to the delight of all.

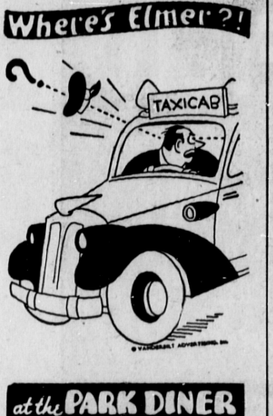
Walt is also the aggressive type who never gives a sucker a break, and when he is fouled he takes personal vengeance by sinking his foul shots in almost automatic fashion. This year he amassed the grand total of 56 which sent him well over the hundred mark in total points. He finished second behind Loveys. This accurate foul shooting, coupled with his uncanny ability to draw fouls makes him the doubly capable performer he is. Thus it is that Walt always handles more than his share of the scoring load when the Midd club comes through. Ready and steady, Walt will be at the helm again next year to captain the ship on a rugged course in the new abode which promises many a night of entertainment around the hardwood floor.

NOTICES

There is an opening for one assistant varsity baseball manager. Excellent opportunity for outdoor work. Contact Ed Kania, Chi Psi Lodge, or 409 Gifford Hall.

There will be no sugaring off until after Spring vacation it has been announced by the Mountain Club.

The Rutland Railroad will run a special train with through coaches for New York and Boston leaving Middlebury at 12.15 p.m. Saturday, April 2.



at the PARK DINER

"Waiting For Lefty" Gives Seamy Side Of Recent History

John R. Walsh '51

The student directors of Cliffort Odets' explosive, "Waiting for Lefty" offered last Friday evening's audience both an example of unconventional dramatic form and a look at a seamy phase of recent American history.

To most of the audience, the memory of the not so quiet desperation of some American lives during the depression years of the thirties is dim and slightly unreal. When Odets wrote "Waiting for Lefty" he was an angry young man with an ideological axe to grind. Even after fifteen years in which much has changed, the play's "Workers of the World" message comes through loud and clear.

In "Waiting for Lefty," the audience becomes part of a strike vote meeting of a cab drivers' union as the meeting awaits the arrival of Lefty, chairman of a members' committee. Union secretary, Harry Fatt, secretly backed by company owners and labor racketeers, delivers a harangue against the strike and against union "radicals." Sentiment for a strike is growing and by means of flashbacks, the audience is shown what past events caused some of the hack drivers to decide in favor of striking.

Doubling as cabbie Joe Mitchell and 'Agate," a strike agitator, Bill Sommers did complete justice to roles which Odets wrote as two of the most significant in the play. As Joe's rebellious wife, Edna, Barbara Burris sacrificed some of the woman's essential toughness of spirit by the degree of sympathy she displayed for the character she created, but her scene with Sommers was perhaps the most compelling of the evening.

The "system" is the real villain of the piece; however, Jim Jacober spent a busy evening playing three of Odets' blackguards. Jacober held up well under the taxing demands of his triple villainy, doing most satisfactory work as the double-dealing Harry Fatt and a cynical theatrical producer.

In the play's outstanding individual performance Walter Staloff, acting with intensity and understanding, captured the

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Higgins To Talk On Merchandising

"Personnel Work and Merchandising" will be the subject of a vocational talk by Dorothea E. Higgins, '30 Tuesday, March 29 at 7.00 p.m. in Pearsons Hall. Miss Higgins is personnel director of the Wm. Hengerer Company, the largest department store in Buffalo, N. Y., where she supervises employment training, psychological testing and the health center.

Miss Higgins has held secretarial positions in New York, was research assistant in taxation at Columbia University, and research assistant to an economist at R. H. Macy's. She also taught retail store operation and fashion at Briarcliff Junior College.

Miss Higgins has been president of the New Jersey Middlebury Alumnae Club and also of the New York City Alumnae Club. At present she is a member of the Advisory Board of the Women's College which is to be discontinued in June, as the Board will be replaced by women on the Board of Trustees.

Miss Higgins was a member of Mortar Board, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Phi Beta Kappa while at Middlebury. She graduated with high honors in Spanish and economics and did graduate work in economics at Columbia University.

Junior Class Gives Party For Faculty

Shamrocks and the "wearin' o' the green" set the theme for the dessert given for the faculty by the junior class, headed by Eugenia N. Reinbrecht '50, in McCullough Gymnasium Friday, March 18.

Cakes shaped like hats with green icing and white shamrocks were served with green and white ice cream. The table arrangement was banquet style with small green paper hat favors marking the place of each faculty member.

Five junior girls with very red noses and dressed in green shirts started the evening's entertainment by tilting up their beer mugs and reciting in a brogue a poem written by Carolyn E. Carlton '50 and Nancy B. Vogt '50. The mistress of ceremonies, Debora E. Nye '50 then introduced a skit written by Louise G. Laverie '50 and M. Virginia Calhoun '50, humorously depicting the attitudes of students and professors toward lectures. Hepburn's triple trio concluded the dessert by singing some "good close harmony" and some Irish songs and leading the guests in a chorus of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Campus Theatre's Giant Talent Show To Open Tuesday

The field is wide open for stage-struck students. Whether your specialty is a soft-shoe, dramatic monologue, romantic crooning, or flute solo, the Campus Theatre will provide stage, lights, microphones and audience. (Your friends, that is.) A giant talent show, sponsored by the Campus Theatre and managed by producer-director Jim Jacober and accompanist, Wally Howard will have its grand opening on Tuesday night, March 29. In addition to a regular feature picture and shorts, the added attraction of live talent will be offered.

Although the love of histrionics should be incentive enough, more tangible prizes in the form of gift certificates, complimentary meals at Pilgrim Inn and Bristol Inn, free services such as cleaning, and cash prizes will be awarded to winners of the weekly shows. The talent hunt will be conducted over a period of eight weeks, beginning on March 29 and resuming on April 19 after vacation for seven more weeks. The final winner of the series, who will be selected from the winners of the first seven performances, will be the recipient of prizes that would make "Stop the Music" seem like kid's stuff. He (or she, ladies are invited) will be whisked away via airliner to either New York or Boston where an audition with Columbia Pictures has been arranged. The lucky artist will be greeted by Harry Marschard, a well-known talent scout for such notables as Vaughn Munroe and Tommy Dorsey, who will also audition Middlebury's prodigal.

If you are hiding your talent under a bushel, now is the time to drag it out. Fraternities and sororities will find this a good opportunity to display their shining members for the glory of old Tappa Kegga. Or perhaps you should dust off your variety show tryout routines. This is the golden chance . . . . money, fame, honor, and a couple of auditions thrown in. Seniors who don't know what to do after graduation, why not a career in show business?

Is Middlebury a den of stodgy intellectuals? Is there no daring and vim left in the old school? Get in touch with Jim Jacober and schedule your act. It will be a sensation! A sure winner!

Opinions

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Allan R. Dragone '50
Melrose, Mass.

I am one of those within the student body who submit to the compulsory daily chapel ordeal with plenty of grumbling and muttering. However, this is my constructive criticism:

1. If the speakers would remember that they are addressing an adult audience, they would probably be able to command more respect. Subtle insinuations are not effective substitutes for straight from the shoulder talks.

2. For further constructive criticism, ask anyone of the dogs. I'm there every other day only.

Eugenia N. Reinbrecht '50
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Let's cut out the prelude and start Chapel with student participation in a hymn. We need to make clear-cut the end of the pre-Chapel conversation and the beginning of the Chapel service, but the prelude fails to do this. The soft, distant prelude rarely enters into the subconscious or is ignored deliberately, and the talking continues throughout Chapel. With this change I feel sure that Chapel can be improved.

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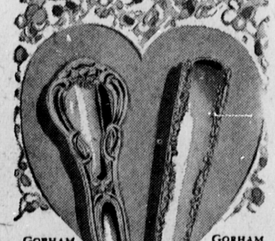

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Memories Of Faculty Softball Team Success Recalled by Versatile Veteran

Perley C. Perkins

There are indications that these words are to inaugurate a faculty column which might be entitled A Peep at the Past or Looking Backward. Nothing further is suggested except carte blanche.

Thus I am left with patriarchal freedom surveying my twenty-six years at Middlebury for something worthy of ink, or which the present generation might find worth reading about. And behold, the last CAMPUS issue gives me my motif; I refer to the semi-facetious article on the rare possibilities of a projected faculty softball team.

And so I turn historian, gathering that authority from the fact that from the year of my arrival in '23 until the present Panther seniors were Cubs in '46, the faculty has fielded baseball teams, and that I played on all of those teams, for twenty-three years, which may be some sort of a service record. We played class, fraternity varsity, and junior varsity teams. In the beginning a Senior-Faculty game was a Friday morning fixture of Junior Week. For a year or two, with coaches and some young staff members, we did all right. Then came the lean years, when there was more humor than baseball in our performances, for we had few real baseball men; but there was always the exercise.

The best player of those early years, and who started with me in '24, was J. P. Davidson of the History Department, who, with a background of semi-pro ball, was as graceful and effective a second baseman as one could wish to see until an injury ended his playing days. Ray Barney, coming in '25, was a good third baseman until his untimely death. But for the most part in the twenties our teams were too short on talent to play good ball. In one game Professor Bryant, a varsity player thirty years earlier, took the field with us. In another, President Moody essayed center field, to retire in the first inning when a fly ball eluded his outstretched fingers and landed just above the belt. I started out at first base, shifted to third, then to the outfield, and finally to the pitcher's mound, remaining there for the next twenty years, with occasional relief by Albert Aldrich after he came upon the scene.

With the thirties the worm turned. Good ball players began to teach at Midd. Ben Wissler, a rugged competitor, began a sixteen year playing career, first as our catcher, then as the shortstop. There was Womack, hard-hitting first baseman; Ed Gillette, as good a third baseman as Middlebury ever saw; Johnny Nash, Red Kelly, Bill Craig, George Akerstrom, Bruce Weidner, Erie Volkert, Sam Guarnaccia, Albert Aldrich, and many others. For years it had been difficult to get anybody out when we played; there were times when every dribbler to the infield went for a hit and every routine outfield fly was likely to be a home run. But at long last there were more victories than defeats; late in the thirties the faculty went two years without a defeat. Though the war took many of the younger men, reinforced by the Chiefs we held our own through the V-12 years. Our ranks had thinned by the post-war period, but present seniors can remember our last outings against the varsity squad in '46. We were undermanned, the pitcher had turned fifty and should have been on the shelf, but in two five-inning games the faculty managed three runs, and the varsity initiators of post-war glory, five.

When softball came in, the faculty doubled in that as well. In Erie Volkert we had as good a softball pitcher as the intramurals ever produced. In the V-12 league of '45 we won every game we played, for the championship. And that, in case your slide rule is not at hand, was not so long ago. For several years it was Junior Week tradition that we play the All-Midd women's team. It started as a serious challenge by the lassies, who were good by women's standards and knew it, and felt toward the faculty patriarchs something of that kindly solicitude which the current CAMPUS article suggests. They were nearly ready to offer a handicap of a dozen faculty runs. But the game provided their disillusionment. When the score had reached, as I recall it, about 22-0, the nine old men imposed upon themselves the handicap of batting one-handed and hopping between the bases on one foot. But the girls were good to us, and for several years about half the college gathered on the sidelines to cheer and watch the fun. A highlight of memory is of Dick Brown sliding expertly into second base, neatly depositing Audrey K—. (about five feet and ninety pounds) several feet in the air, from where she came down like the Lone Ranger on Silver, to the delighted roar of the crowd. Yes, one can be pardoned a bit of nostalgia for those good old days. Would that the women played softball still.

The chief reasons why no faculty teams have been seen since '46 are two: the heavy schedule of work, and the crowded condition of our playing fields. But should a faculty softball team materialize this spring, it is possible that curious students wandering down to the field might see some of these white bearded patriarchs hobbling over the heath. It might prove difficult to keep them sucking the heads of their canes in the chimney corner at home.

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was active as a member of the cross-country and track teams. He is a member of Delta Upsilon, Pi Gamma Mu, Kappa Phi Kappa, and the National Spiked Shoe Society.

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"Big Cat"

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